CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 3 MARCH 1988 AT 9:15 A.M.
IN BC-110, SGW CAMPUS

ATTENDANCE:

Present were:

C.H. Langford (Chair), P. Albert, J. Boivin, P. Fazio, G. Johns, P. Lightbown, C. Ross, P. Shizgal, C.Y. Suen, M.N.S. Swamy, A.J. Williams, S. Bulzan (Secretary)

Absent with regrets:

B. MacKay, M. Szabo

Guest:

B. Gaudet

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED & DISTRIBUTED TO SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE:

SRC-87-11-05-D30	COMPUTER RESOURCES COMMITTEE - FIVE-YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN (rev. 1988.01.06)
SRC-88-01-21-D36	GUIDELINES FOR SENATE EVALUATION OF RESEARCH CENTRES (rev. 1988.03.01)
SRC-88-03-03-D39	COMMENTS FROM THE FACULTY OF ARTS & SCIENCE TO THE FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN
SRC-88-03-03-D40	LETTER TO C.H. LANGFORD FROM P. FAZIO RE: RESEARCH CENTRES GUIDELINES
SRC-88-03-03-D41	SENATE ACADEMIC PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE - ANNUAL REPORT
SRC-88-03-03-D42	NSERC DRAFT DISCUSSION PAPER - 12 YEARS TO 2000

Dr. C.H. Langford occupied the Chair.

Mme. Gaudet, the Secretary General, was introduced to the Committee.

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I. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1.1 It was moved and seconded (Albert, Boivin) and unanimously RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Senate Research Committee meeting of 11 February 1988 be approved.

II. CHAIR'S REMARKS

A. Timetable of documents

2.1 The Chair discussed the timetable for responses on documents presently under review by the Committee:

The Chair stated that the revised "Guidelines for Research Centres" was distributed for final discussion at today's meeting. The document will be re-edited and circulated for members' approval prior to the 15 March deadline.

The deadline for a response to the Computer Resources Committee - "Five-Year Strategic Development Plan" is 15 April 1988. The Chair stated that the Faculty of Arts & Science's comments on this document have been distributed to the Committee. A draft will be circulated at the next SRC meeting for discussion before responding to Dr. Giguère.

The Chair stated that an NSERC draft discussion paper "12 years to 2000" will require a response by 15 April 1988.

B. Senate Academic Planning and Priorities Committee - Annual Report (document SRC-88-03-03-D41)

2.1 The Chair mentioned that a discussion of the Committee's role regarding the document would be useful. Copies of the document will be distributed to the Committee for discussion at the next SRC meeting.

C. NSERC Draft Discussion Paper - 12 Years to 2000 (document SRC-88-03-03-D42)

2.1 The Chair stated that the above document deals with NSERC programs, especially the national situation in technologically advanced industry.

2.2 The Committee discussed Concordia's lack of representation on NSERC Committees and it was suggested that a letter be sent to Arthur May, the President of NSERC, voicing this concern.

2.3 It was agreed that the Chair will write NSERC asking for any studies that may have been done on the issue of distribution of representation.

D. `Centres d'Excellence' Initiative

2.1 The Chair stated that an announcement will be made late this Spring regarding the National Centres of Excellence Program. The major initiative is a network of research activities among universities that are directed toward a collective goal over five years that will have an impact on high technology industry.

2.2 The Chair mentioned that there is a regional effort being organized under CREPUQ to identify areas of strength in Quebec. The first deadline is Fall 1988 and awards will be presented at the beginning of next year.

E. Director of Research Services - A.J. Williams

2.1 Ms. Williams announced that the third quarter results reached 9,2 million dollars which was a 12% increase over the last quarter.

III. COMPUTER RESOURCES COMMITTEE - FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN (Document SRC-87-11-05-D30, rev.1988.01.06)

3.1 The response from the Arts & Science Faculty to the above document was circulated for members' information.

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3.2 The Committee discussed short-term and long-term goals they would like to see mentioned in the document.

3.3 It was suggested by Dean Swamy that, in the same way that the library is given a budget and different units define what purchases should be made, there should be a similar mechanism providing computer services to faculties.

3.4 The Chair agreed to draft these remarks in a response which will be distributed at the next SRC meeting.

3.5 Dean Swamy will include the above-mentioned proposal in the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science's response to the Five-Year Strategic Development Plan.

3.6 The Chair asked members to submit any further suggestions on the Computer Resources Committee document as soon as possible. The document will be edited, revised in final form and presented to Dr. Giguère by 15 April 1988.

IV. GUIDELINES FOR SENATE EVALUATION OF RESEARCH CENTRES
(Documents SRC-88-01-21-D36, rev. 1988.03.01 and SRC-88-03-03-D40)

4.1 The revision to the Guidelines as well as the memo written to the Chair by P. Fazio were circulated for members' information.

4.2 The Chair indicated that Section IV had been revised taking into account Dr. Fazio's suggestions although the latter did not feel all his comments were taken into consideration.

4.3 Dr. Ross suggested inserting a preamble to the document to read as follows:

"This document concerns itself with Centres that are University recognized. However, this proposal in no way prevents other Centres from being formed. Faculties therefore retain the right to encourage the formation of Centres which are not necessarily accredited".

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4.4 Suggestions were made for possible rephrasing of certain sentences. The Chair stated that the final draft would be circulated to the Committee with the inclusion of Dr. Fazio's final paragraph. A vote would be taken to see if the Committee agreed or disagreed with this paragraph being in the document.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.